



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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Purposes of Legislation



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➤ Recovery

- Maintain and create jobs
- Provide cash to strapped State and local economies

➤ Reinvest

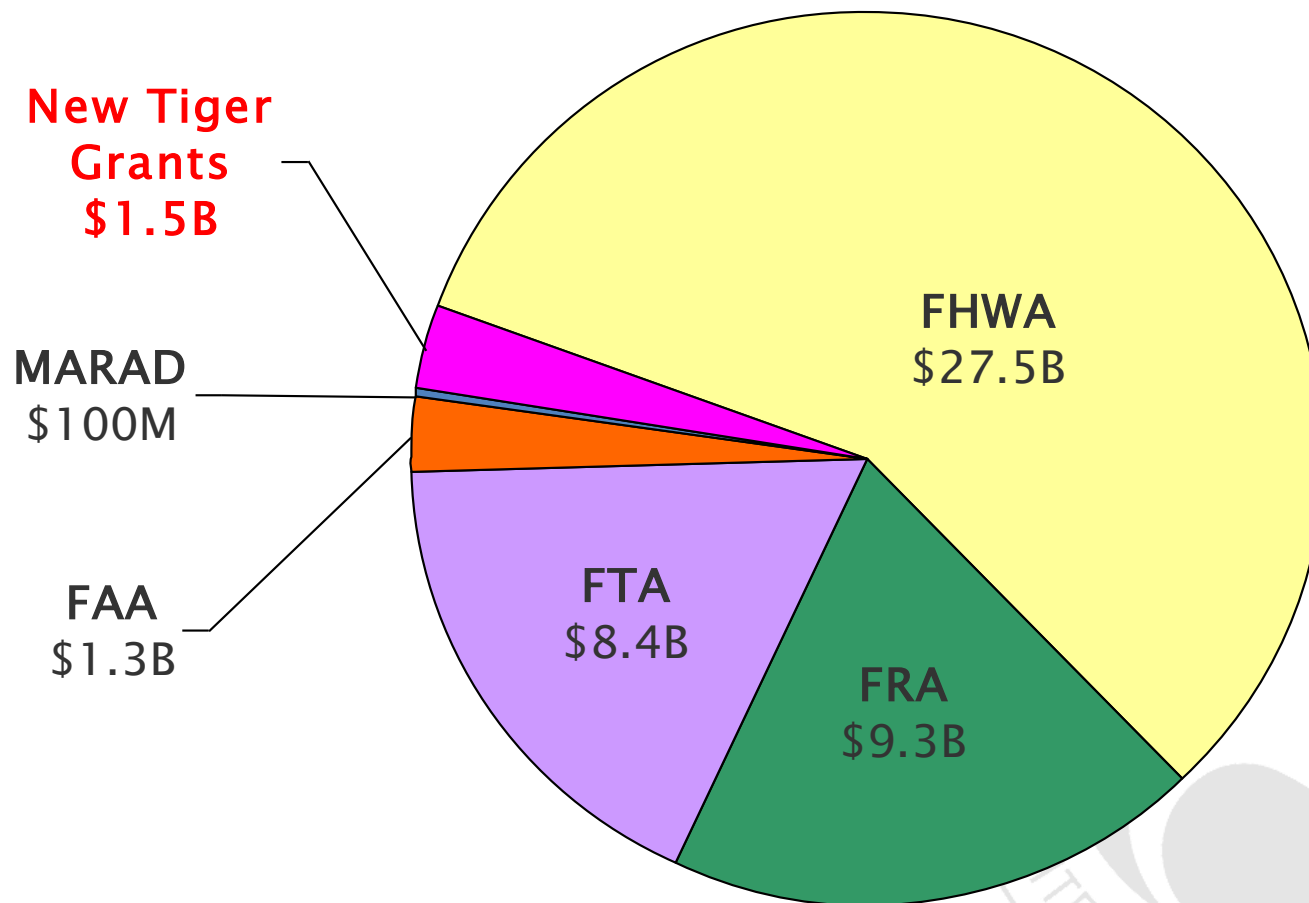
- Build and repair infrastructure



ARRA Transportation Funding



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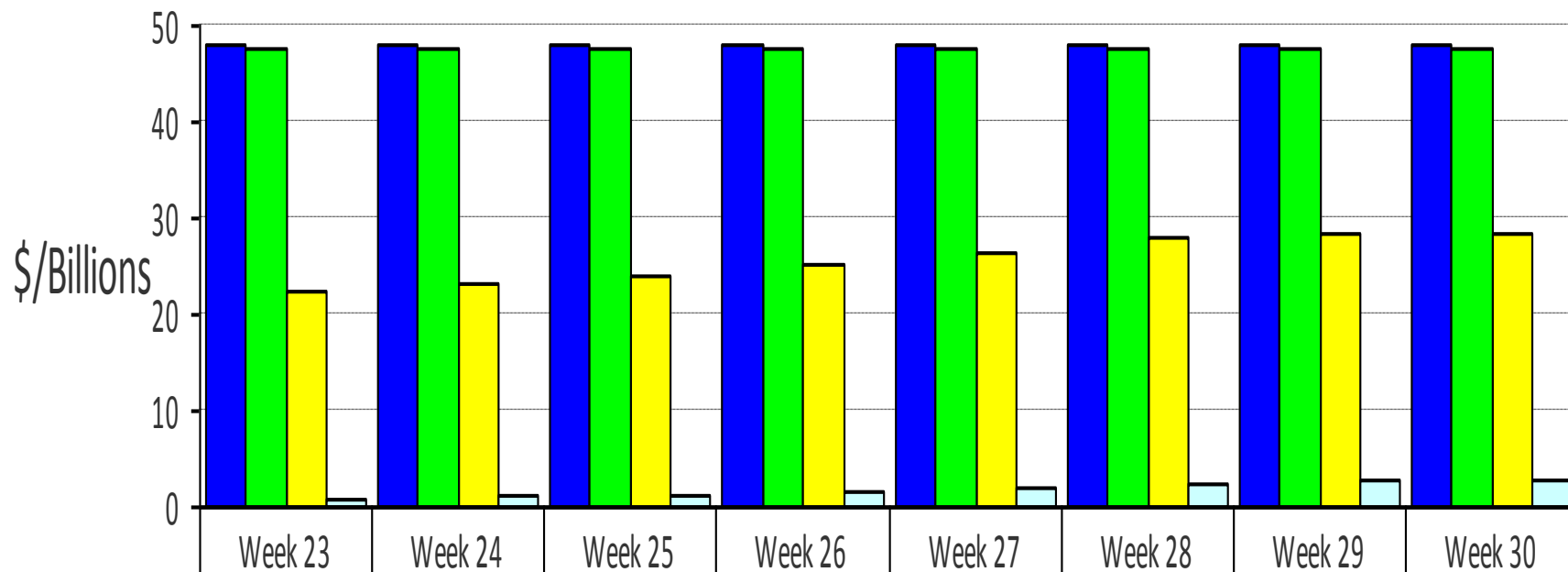


Total DOT Funding: \$48.1 Billion

DOT'S ARRA SCORECARD – As of Sept 11th



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	Week 23	Week 24	Week 25	Week 26	Week 27	Week 28	Week 29	Week 30
■ Total Appropriation	48.1	48.1	48.1	48.1	48.1	48.1	48.1	48.1
■ Total Announced	47.6	47.6	47.6	47.6	47.6	47.6	47.6	47.6
■ Total Obligated	22.5	23.4	23.9	25.2	26.6	28.0	28.3	28.5
■ Total Outlays	0.916	1.147	1.321	1.737	2.023	2.353	2.621	2.882

FTA ARRA Funding



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Program	Funding
Urban Formula	\$5.97 B
Non-Urban Formula	\$760 M
Fixed Guideway Modernization Formula	\$742 M
New Starts / Small Starts	\$742 M
Tribal Grants	\$17 M
Discretionary Energy Program [new]	\$100 M
Discretionary Multimodal Program [new]	[\$1.498B]
Administration / Oversight	\$64 M
Total (Transit Only)	\$8.4 Billion

ARRA Transit Obligation Timetable



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➤ Formula Programs

- **September 1:** Deadline to obligate one half of apportionment (180 days from March 5, 2009)
- **March 5, 2010:** Second deadline to obligate funds (365 days from March 5, 2009)
- **September 30, 2010:** Unobligated funds returned to US Treasury

➤ Recovered funds will be redistributed



TIGER Grants -- \$1.5 Billion



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- Applications due **September 15, 2009**
- Awards announced by **February 17, 2010**
- Must obligate funds by **September 30, 2011**
- Projects must be completed by **February 17, 2012**
- Eligible Projects (capital only)
 - **Highways and bridges (Title 23)**
 - **Transit (Title 49)**
 - **Passenger and Freight rail**
 - **Ports**



➤ **Grant Requirements**

- \$20-\$300 million (waiver for less than \$20 million)
- No more than 20% awarded to one State
- Equitable geographic distribution (urban/rural)
- 100% Federal, but priority for leveraging other funds
- Projects with significant impact on Nation, metro area, region

➤ **Selection Criteria**

- State of Good Repair
- Economic competitiveness (job creation)
- Livability
- Sustainability
- Safety
- Innovation & Partnering
- Benefit Cost-Analysis



Implementation Strategy



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➤ Creation of a TIGER Team

- Secretary LaHood creates **Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Team** to oversee implementation
- Co-chaired by Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy & Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs
- Mission of the Team
 - Funds **delivered quickly** and **legally**
 - Funds **tracked and monitored consistently**
 - Progress Reports provided **regularly** and are **transparent**



➤ Stewardship Groups

- **Data Management** – Tackle all grant reporting issues using information from separate grant systems (FMIS, TEAM, SOAR)
- **Financial Assistance** – Work with issues pertaining to grants, procurement, and contracting across the Department
- **Communications and Governmental Affairs** – Focus on announcements, events, and press releases
- **Financial Management** – Ensure consistent financial reporting of all financial data from apportionment through final disbursement

Making the Tiger Concept Work



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- **Information Technology** – Support the TIGER Team share point site, manages technical support for mapping, and keeps websites updated.
- **Job Counting and Reporting** – Work with White House offices in developing job counting and reporting methods.
- **Risk Management** – Use risk management strategies to ensure ARRA processes use proper internal controls.
- **Executive Accountability Board** – Provide link between the Tiger Team and the DOT Office of Inspector General and Government Accountability Office (GAO).



Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as of Sept 7th

- Awarded 664 ARRA grants for a total obligation of \$7.2 billion in ARRA funds
- Reviewing 47 grants (\$427 million), potential for 711 grant awards (\$7.6 billion)
- Received \$280 million in surface flexible fund transfers from FHWA

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as of Sept 7th

- Announced cumulative airport grants equal to about \$1.1 billion

Accomplishments



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Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as of Sept 7th

- FHWA Division Offices authorized 7,321 projects totaling \$18.4 billion

Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), as of Sept 7th

- Approved \$1.1 billion of AMTRAK ARRA projects



Implementation Challenges



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- Constant reporting requirements (currently 8 reports per week)
- Advance mapping capabilities
- **Web-site refreshing** and posting of current information
- **Refine job methodology and reporting**
- Continue **communication with Congress** on progress
- **Risk management strategy** on-going
- **Continue outreach** both internally and externally on ARRA

GAO/OIG ARRA Activities



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- April and July GAO reports on use of funds (Sept report under review)
- Based on review of 16 States & D.C.
- April focus on transparency, accountability, and communication improvements (directed mainly to OMB). July report focused on highway projects. Sept report to include transit.
- March DOT/OIG report focused on 10 management areas
- DOT prepared action plan that addresses 10 key focus areas
- Next OIG focus on recipient reporting

Oversight Challenges Facing DOT



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➤ **10 focus areas where DOT must take actions to provide oversight to grantees receiving ARRA funding**

- (1) Acquire sufficient personnel with relevant expertise to oversee grantees.
- (2) Adhere to existing Federal requirements for programs funded under ARRA.
- (3) Evaluate the credibility and completeness of cost and schedule estimates.
- (4) Oversee grantees' contracting management activities.
- (5) Address internal control weaknesses and identify unused funds.

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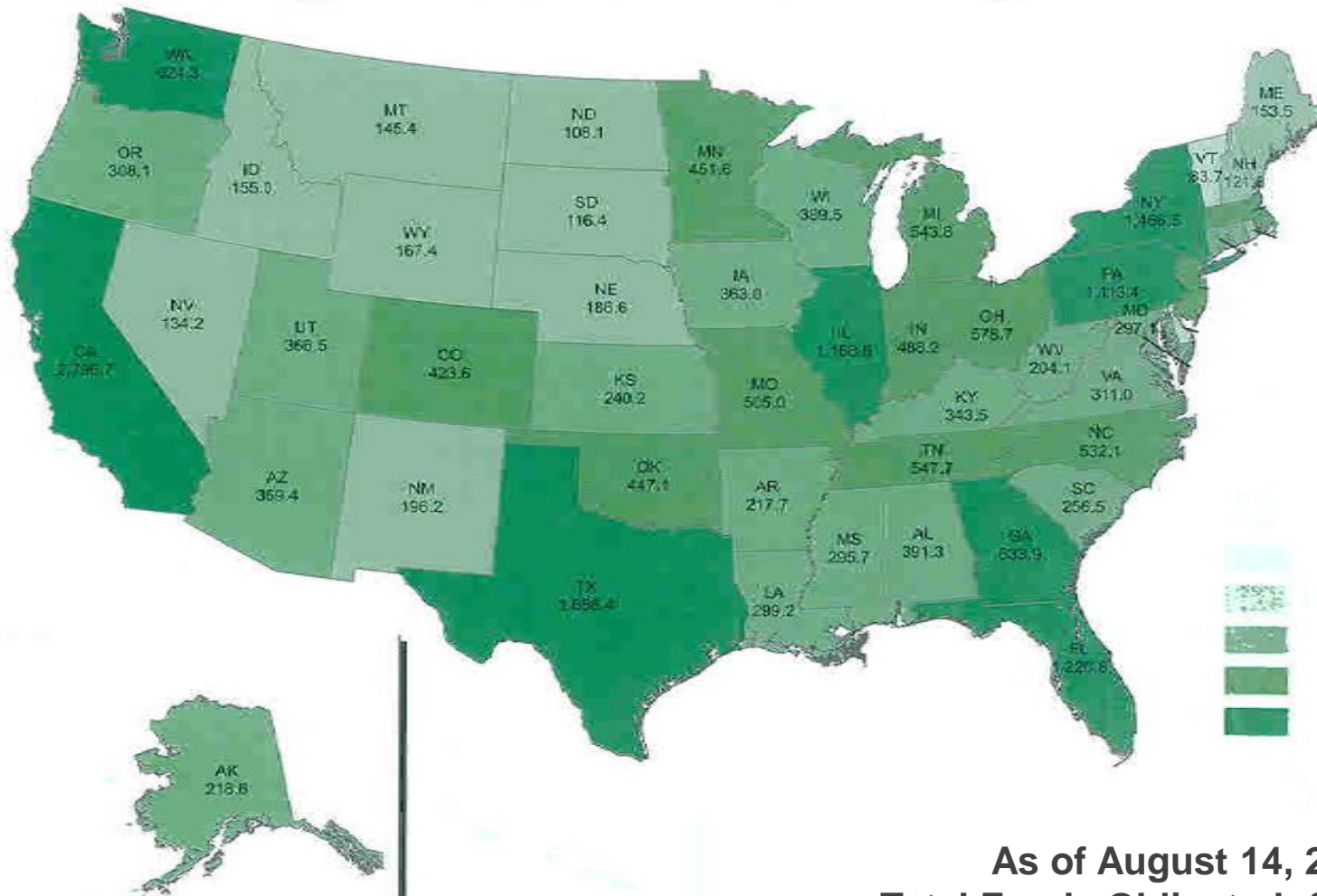
- (6) Implement new ARRA reporting requirements to promote accountability.
- (7) Develop criteria for new discretionary grant and passenger rail programs.
- (8) Develop appropriate oversight strategies for new programs created by ARRA.
- (9) Enhance understanding on recognizing, preventing, and reporting fraud.
- (10) Take action to suspend and debar firms that have defrauded the Department.



ARRA Obligations



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As of August 14, 2009
Total Funds Obligated: \$25 Billion

10/3/09

ARRA Project Count



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